



Minnesota Family Investment Program and Diversionary Work Program: Characteristics of Cases and People

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Abbreviations

CCAP	Child Care Assistance Program
DWP	Diversionary Work Program
DHS	Minnesota Department of Human Services
FSS	Family Stabilization Services
HAG	Housing Assistance Grant
MFIP	Minnesota Family Investment Program
PRWORA	Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act
SNAP	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
TANF	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

Executive Summary

The Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) is Minnesota's family cash assistance program, providing financial payments and other services to help stabilize families with low income. It includes both a cash portion and a food portion which is funded by the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The Diversionary Work Program (DWP) is a short-term program meant to assist families in crisis to quickly regain employment. DWP grants are cash-only, though participants can apply for SNAP independent of their DWP benefits. Both programs are available only to families with minor children or pregnant women.

Cases and people

In 2021 the number of children and adults served included:

- MFIP: 43,788 children and 18,816 adults in 23,007 cases
- DWP: 2,818 children and 1,669 adults in 1,405 cases.

Participant demographics

Families participating in MFIP or DWP usually include children and working-age adults:

- The median age of adults was 32 for MFIP-enrolled adults and 33 for DWP cases.
- MFIP and DWP cases average two children per case, with a median age of 6 (MFIP) to 7 (DWP).

Most enrolled adults in both programs are female, including:

- MFIP: 83%
- DWP: 77%

Most enrolled adults participating in MFIP or DWP have at least a high school diploma or a General Educational Development (GED) certificate, including:

- MFIP: 72%
- DWP: 76%

Most enrolled adults in both programs are U.S. citizens, including:

- MFIP: 93%
- DWP: 90%

Introduction

In 1996, the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) [PL 104-93] set federal program requirements for state cash assistance programs using federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds. Among other things, PRWORA required states to set a five-year limit on cash assistance, impose work requirements, and emphasize work first.

Within this broad framework, states have flexibility to designate specific policies for programs. The Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP), the state's TANF program, was established in 1998. It uses the TANF federal block grant and state funds to provide families in deep poverty with income support, food benefits, and services to support employment. State funds are used for grants to households with two parents, teen parents, certain non-citizens and families participating in the Family Stabilization Services (FSS) track.

The federal Deficit Reduction Act [PL 109-171] of 2005 retained PWORA's program requirements but narrowed the definition of work activities and increased work activity documentation requirements.

The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) introduced the FSS track to MFIP in February 2008 for families with multiple barriers or disabilities who may benefit from a more flexible employment plan. This service track enables county agencies and Tribal Nations to develop employment plans with an emphasis on overcoming barriers to employment. It uses a case management model to help families achieve the greatest amount of economic stability possible. Because state funding provides the benefits to families in this service track, these households are not included in the federal Work Participation Rate. All active MFIP cases, including families in FSS, are included in the MFIP case and person totals in this report.

The Diversionary Work Program (DWP) is separate, with services that include job training and education, and employment support services, such as childcare and transportation assistance. DWP participants are required to engage in approved activities documented in their mandatory individual employment plan. DWP grants last a maximum of four consecutive months, generally paid directly to landlords and utility companies to cover portions of these costs.

Policy change highlights since December 2020

The COVID-19 pandemic resulted in a state peacetime emergency in Minnesota beginning March 13, 2020. The federal government also declared a public health emergency, which was still in effect as of December 2021. Many temporary federal and state policy changes during this period affected normal program operations. Some of these are still in effect and some are no longer active. Additionally, some permanent policy and guidance changes became active.

Since December 2020 the following temporary and permanent changes are in effect:

- As of September 1, 2021, pre-pandemic MFIP policy regarding reporting requirements, work requirements, and MFIP extension criteria were reinstated
- As of September 1, 2021, DWP enrollments have resumed
- Families experiencing homelessness or with a caregiver enrolled in an education program that is expected to last more than four months are deemed unlikely to benefit from the DWP and will be enrolled in MFIP
- The cost of the federal Thrifty Food Plan, which is used to calculate SNAP benefits, increased 15%.

Report Format

This report provides a snapshot of all active cases in MFIP and DWP in December 2021. This includes both households and persons receiving MFIP or DWP cash grants, MFIP food grants (i.e., paid cases) as well as active cases temporarily not receiving a grant (i.e., suspended cases). Department staff have produced annual characteristics reports since MFIP began in 1998. Data are provided on the demographics of enrolled adults and children; family composition, residence, and barriers; economic status of cases; and MFIP policy impacts.

Some families receiving MFIP only have children, but no adults, who are eligible for MFIP cash assistance. This includes families with disabled parents receiving federal disability income support, and families in which a relative with custody of children is only requesting assistance for the children. These households are not subject to work requirements and time limits. To reflect program differences, the MFIP population is divided into three categories:

- **Child-only cases** that include children but not their caregivers
- Families with **one enrolled adult**
- Families with **two enrolled adults**.

People participating in DWP, which does not include child-only cases, are divided into cases with one or two enrolled adults.

All percentages are rounded to the nearest whole percent. Therefore percentages less than 0.5% will be reported as zero, and totals may not equal 100% when summed across subgroups.

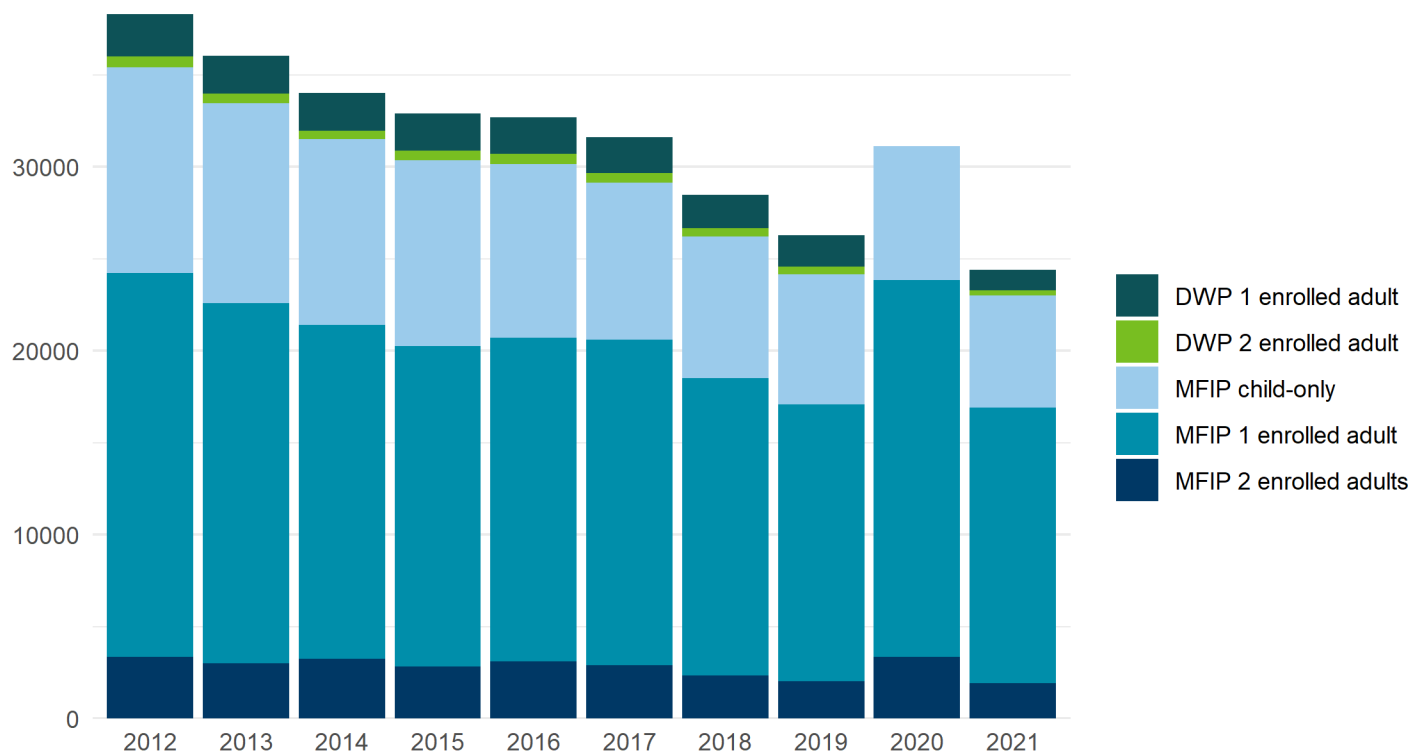
Tribal TANF programs are not under state jurisdiction. The Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe and Red Lake Nation both administer Tribal TANF programs in their jurisdictions, which are not included in this report. For the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe this includes cases of adult members of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, first-generation descendant living in Aitkin, Benton, Chisago, Crow Wing, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, Morrison and Pine counties, and at least one active enrolled adult member of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe living in Hennepin, Ramsey and Anoka Counties. For Red Lake Nation this includes families who identified their race as American Indian and to non-Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe enrolled Tribal members living in Beltrami County and within the boundaries of the Red Lake Nation.

The White Earth Nation administers state MFIP eligibility and employment services for its members; their program is included in this report.

MFIP and DWP December caseload trends

- In December 2020, due to the COVID-19 public health emergency and related temporary policy changes, MFIP case counts were greatly increased and DWP had zero active cases. This resulted in an 18% increase in overall case counts from 2019 to 2020. Many of these policy changes were no longer in effect as of December 2021, and overall case counts decreased 22%.
- Compared to December 2019, overall MFIP and DWP caseloads were 7% lower in 2021, after falling 8% from December 2018 to 2019. This is a return to the decreasing trend observed since 2012.
- MFIP cases are 5% lower in 2021 than in 2019. Cases with one enrolled adult, the most common case type, decreased by 1% over this time period, while two-adult MFIP cases fell by 5% and child-only cases decreased by 14%.
- After being temporarily inactive in 2020 due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, DWP enrollment began again in September 2021. The December 2021 DWP caseload was 34% lower than in 2019.

Figure 1. MFIP and DWP caseloads, December 2012 to December 2021



Tables

Table 1: MFIP and DWP case counts, December 2012 to December 2021¹

Year	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	Child-only MFIP cases	One-adult DWP cases	Two-adult DWP cases
2010	21,966	3,915	11,409	2,718	833
2011	21,745	3,432	11,350	2,645	638
2012	20,877	3,336	11,195	2,284	606
2013	19,566	3,009	10,902	2,047	517
2014	18,144	3,247	10,116	2,037	463
2015	17,440	2,820	10,089	2,047	528
2016	17,626	3,098	9,419	2,002	567
2017	17,691	2,903	8,560	1,949	507
2018	16,188	2,330	7,697	1,819	443
2019	15,047	2,030	7,077	1,691	436
2020	20,489	3,352	7,293	0	0
2021	14,970	1,923	6,114	1,141	264

¹ Case counts include paid cases (those receiving MFIP cash or food grants, or DWP cash grants) and active cases suspended for a month because they have enough income to cancel out the cash grant. Suspension typically happens in a three- or five-paycheck month. Such cases may receive an MFIP grant again the following month. Counts of MFIP and DWP cases are categorized by the number of adults enrolled on the case and eligible for the grant. For more information on the MFIP and DWP rules that determine who in the household is enrolled on the case, see Table 2 notes.

Table 2: MFIP and DWP case and person counts and percentages by type of case, December 2021 ²

	Total MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult	Two-adult MFIP cases	One-adult MFIP cases	Child-only MFIP cases	Total DWP cases	Two-adult DWP cases	One-adult DWP cases
Case count	23,007	16,893	1,923	14,970	6,114	1,405	264	1,141
<i>Case percent</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>73%</i>	<i>8%</i>	<i>65%</i>	<i>27%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>19%</i>	<i>81%</i>
Enrolled adults count	18,816	18,816	3,846	14,970	0	1,669	528	1,141
<i>Enrolled adults percent</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>20%</i>	<i>80%</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>32%</i>	<i>68%</i>
Enrolled children count	43,788	33,186	5,076	28,110	10,602	2,818	738	2,080
<i>Enrolled children percent</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>76%</i>	<i>12%</i>	<i>64%</i>	<i>24%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>26%</i>	<i>74%</i>

² Case counts include paid cases (those receiving MFIP cash or food grants or DWP cash grants) and active cases suspended for a month because they have enough income to cancel out the cash grant. Suspension typically happens in a three- or five-paycheck month. Such cases may receive an MFIP grant again the following month. Counts of MFIP and DWP cases are categorized by the number of adults enrolled on the case and eligible for the grant. Adult refers to a caregiver (parent or other relative) or minor parent responsible for a child/ren. Cases with two adults where only one is enrolled in MFIP or DWP are included in the one -adult cases column. Cases with no MFIP-enrolled adult are child-only but have at least one caregiver. Person counts include only enrolled adults and children. MFIP and DWP rules determine who in a household is a member of an assistance unit and who in that unit is eligible to be enrolled on the grant. The assistance unit is based on the relationship to case applicants. This includes minor children and/or minor relative-care children of an applicant, spouse of applicant or second parent of applicant's child/ren, and other minor children of the spouse. Pregnant women with no children of their own living with them are also eligible. Eligibility of unit members, in turn, determines the size of cash grants for active cases. In some instances, otherwise eligible people will be ineligible, for example, if they receive Supplemental Security Income, have a certain immigration status, or have been convicted of welfare fraud.

Table 3: Age of adults enrolled in MFIP or DWP, December 2021 ³

	MFIP cases with adult	Two-adult MFIP cases	One-adult MFIP cases	Total DWP cases	Two-adult DWP cases	One-adult DWP cases
Age mean	33	33	33	34	34	34
Age median	32	32	32	33	34	33
Age minimum	5	5	14	18	18	18
Age maximum	82	76	82	59	59	58
less than 18	94	14	80	-	-	-
% less than 18	0%	0%	1%	-	-	-
18 - 19	491	93	398	13	7	6
% 18 - 19	3%	2%	3%	1%	1%	1%
20 - 29	6,908	1,358	5,550	525	156	369
% 20 - 29	37%	35%	37%	31%	30%	32%
30 - 39	7,352	1,511	5,841	770	235	535
% 30 - 39	39%	39%	39%	46%	45%	47%
40 - 49	3,065	639	2,426	300	102	198
% 40 - 49	16%	17%	16%	18%	19%	17%
50 - 59	811	197	614	61	28	33
% 50 - 59	4%	5%	4%	4%	5%	3%
60 and over	99	38	61	-	-	-
% 60 and over	1%	1%	0%	-	-	-

³ Adult refers to a caregiver (parent or other relative) or minor parent responsible for a child/ren.

Table 4: Race, ethnicity, and immigrant status of adults enrolled in MFIP or DWP, December 2021 ⁴

	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult	One-adult DWP cases	Two-adult DWP cases	Total DWP cases
African American	5,444	875	6,319	379	138	517
% African American	36%	23%	34%	33%	26%	31%
White	5,615	1,603	7,218	469	210	679
% White	38%	42%	38%	41%	40%	41%
Hispanic	1,165	312	1,477	107	34	141
% Hispanic	8%	8%	8%	9%	6%	8%
Native American	1,061	268	1,329	43	17	60
% Native American	7%	7%	7%	4%	3%	4%
Asian American	303	186	489	27	36	63
% Asian American	2%	5%	3%	2%	7%	4%
Multiple races	655	113	768	45	11	56
% Multiple races	4%	3%	4%	4%	2%	3%
Somali immigrant	293	165	458	34	35	69
% Somali immigrant	2%	4%	2%	3%	7%	4%
Other African immigrant	189	75	264	13	11	24
% Other African immigrant	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%
Hmong immigrant	27	20	47	3	-	3

⁴ The race and ethnicity information is categorized in the following hierarchy aligned with department standards. Participants asked their racial choice (yes or no) of each of five racial categories (American Indian, Asian, Black, Pacific Islander and white), and ethnicity (Hispanic or non-Hispanic). All persons endorsing Hispanic ethnicity are listed reported as Hispanic. All other racial categories are non-Hispanic. Non-citizens can be assigned to immigrant groups, using their reported country of origin, race and primary language. Pacific Islanders and Asian groups are combined due to very small numbers of Pacific Islanders.

	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult	One-adult DWP cases	Two-adult DWP cases	Total DWP cases
<i>% Hmong immigrant</i>	0%	1%	0%	0%	-	0%
Other Asian immigrant	125	171	296	7	26	33
<i>% Other Asian immigrant</i>	1%	4%	2%	1%	5%	2%
Unknown	93	62	155	14	10	24
<i>% Unknown</i>	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%

Table 5: Citizenship status of adults enrolled in MFIP or DWP cases, December 2021 ⁵

	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult	One-adult DWP cases	Two-adult DWP cases	Total DWP cases
Non-U.S. citizen	827	560	1,387	77	87	164
<i>% Non-U.S. citizen</i>	<i>6%</i>	<i>15%</i>	<i>7%</i>	<i>7%</i>	<i>16%</i>	<i>10%</i>
U.S. citizen	14,143	3,290	17,433	1,064	441	1,505
<i>% U.S. citizen</i>	<i>94%</i>	<i>86%</i>	<i>93%</i>	<i>93%</i>	<i>84%</i>	<i>90%</i>

Table 6: Sex of adults enrolled in MFIP or DWP cases, December 2021

	MFIP cases with adult	Two-adult MFIP cases	One-adult MFIP cases	Total DWP cases	Two-adult DWP cases	One-adult DWP cases
Female	15,543	1,936	13,607	1,277	266	1,011
<i>% Female</i>	<i>83%</i>	<i>50%</i>	<i>91%</i>	<i>77%</i>	<i>50%</i>	<i>89%</i>
Male	3,277	1,914	1,363	392	262	130
<i>% Male</i>	<i>17%</i>	<i>50%</i>	<i>9%</i>	<i>23%</i>	<i>50%</i>	<i>11%</i>

⁵ Citizenship status is not routinely updated after initial application, therefore these categories may be under- or over-reported.

Table 7: Educational attainment of adults enrolled in MFIP or DWP cases, December 2021 ⁶

	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult	One-adult DWP cases	Two-adult DWP cases	Total DWP cases
None or pre-first grade	441	299	740	48	59	107
<i>% None or pre-first grade</i>	3%	8%	4%	4%	11%	6%
Grade school	198	124	322	27	18	45
<i>% Grade School</i>	1%	3%	2%	2%	3%	3%
Some high school	3,374	837	4,211	154	90	244
<i>% Some high school</i>	23%	22%	22%	13%	17%	15%
High school graduate	8,279	2,068	10,347	645	263	908
<i>% High school graduate</i>	55%	54%	55%	57%	50%	54%
Some post secondary	2,310	400	2,710	211	75	286
<i>% Some post secondary</i>	15%	10%	14%	18%	14%	17%
College graduate	238	85	323	33	14	47
<i>% College graduate</i>	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	3%
Graduate degree	130	37	167	23	9	32
<i>% Graduate degree</i>	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%

⁶ Education is not routinely updated after initial application, therefore these categories may be under- or over-reported.

Table 8: Marital status of adults enrolled in MFIP or DWP cases, December 2021 ⁷

	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult	One-adult DWP cases	Two-adult DWP cases	Total DWP cases
Divorced	1,334	91	1,425	127	14	141
<i>% Divorced</i>	9%	2%	8%	11%	3%	8%
Legally separated	56	8	64	5	-	5
<i>% Legally separated</i>	0%	0%	0%	0%	-	0%
Married, living with spouse	404	1,929	2,333	22	328	350
<i>% Married, living with spouse</i>	3%	50%	12%	2%	62%	21%
Never married	11,111	1,745	12,856	773	179	952
<i>% Never married</i>	74%	45%	68%	68%	34%	57%
Married, living apart	1,936	75	2,011	200	7	207
<i>% Married, living apart</i>	13%	2%	11%	18%	1%	12%
Widowed	129	2	131	14	-	14
<i>% Widowed</i>	1%	0%	1%	1%	-	1%

⁷ Marital status is not routinely updated after initial application, therefore these categories may be under- or over-reported.

Table 9: Adults enrolled in MFIP or DWP who received assistance as a child in Minnesota, December 2021 ⁸

	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult	One-adult DWP cases	Two-adult DWP cases	Total DWP cases
Any program	8,913	1,816	10,729	562	196	758
<i>% Any program</i>	<i>60%</i>	<i>47%</i>	<i>57%</i>	<i>49%</i>	<i>37%</i>	<i>45%</i>
Family assistance	7,893	1,592	9,485	487	173	660
<i>% Family assistance</i>	<i>53%</i>	<i>41%</i>	<i>50%</i>	<i>43%</i>	<i>33%</i>	<i>40%</i>
Emergency Assistance only	145	21	166	14	2	16
<i>% Emergency Assistance only</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>1%</i>
Food Support	875	203	1,078	61	21	82
<i>% Food Support</i>	<i>6%</i>	<i>5%</i>	<i>6%</i>	<i>5%</i>	<i>4%</i>	<i>5%</i>

⁸ Receiving assistance as a child is reported in a hierarchy of family assistance, food support, and emergency assistance. Family assistance includes all persons whose families received cash assistance including MFIP, DWP, Aid to Families with Dependent Children, and Family General Assistance. Food support counts persons whose families received assistance through Food Stamps, Food Support or SNAP but did not receive cash assistance. Emergency assistance includes adults whose families received only emergency assistance when they were children.

Table 10: Number of children per case receiving MFIP or DWP, December 2021

	Child-only MFIP cases	One- adult MFIP cases	Two- adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult	One- adult DWP cases	Two- adult DWP cases	Total DWP cases
Cases	6,114	14,970	1,923	16,893	1,141	264	1,405
Children	10,602	28,110	5,076	33,186	2,080	738	2,818
Children mean	1.7	1.9	2.6	2.0	1.8	2.8	2.0
Children median	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
Minimum children	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maximum children	10	11	12	12	7	10	10

Table 11: Age characteristics of children receiving MFIP or DWP, December 2021

	Child-only MFIP cases	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult	One-adult DWP cases	Two-adult DWP cases	Total DWP cases
Age mean	10.3	6.9	6.4	6.9	8.0	6.4	7.6
Age median	11	6	5	6	8	6	7
<1 year old	228	2,445	586	3,031	38	87	125
% <1 year old	2%	9%	12%	9%	2%	12%	4%
1-3 years old	1,083	6,660	1,243	7,903	437	165	602
% 1-3 years old	10%	24%	24%	24%	21%	22%	21%
4-5 years old	859	3,852	746	4,598	294	115	409
% 4-5 years old	8%	14%	15%	14%	14%	16%	15%
6-10 years old	2,753	7,555	1,313	8,868	641	192	833
% 6-10 years old	26%	27%	26%	27%	31%	26%	30%
11-15 years old	3,904	5,620	891	6,511	511	148	659
% 11-15 years old	37%	20%	18%	20%	25%	20%	23%
>15 years old	1,775	1,978	297	2,275	159	31	190
% >15 years old	17%	7%	6%	7%	8%	4%	7%

Table 12: Ages of youngest child per MFIP or DWP case, December 2021

	Child-only MFIP cases	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult	One-adult DWP cases	Two-adult DWP cases	Total DWP cases
Youngest mean	9.4	5.0	3.3	4.8	6.3	3.3	5.7
Youngest median	10	3	2	3	5	2	4

Table 13: Race, ethnicity, and immigrant status of children receiving MFIP or DWP, December 2021 ⁹

	Child-only MFIP cases	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult	One-adult DWP cases	Two-adult DWP cases	Total DWP cases
African American	2,714	10,830	1,403	12,233	729	237	966
<i>% African American</i>	<i>26%</i>	<i>39%</i>	<i>28%</i>	<i>37%</i>	<i>35%</i>	<i>32%</i>	<i>34%</i>
White	2,666	7,218	1,542	8,760	624	228	852
<i>% White</i>	<i>25%</i>	<i>26%</i>	<i>30%</i>	<i>26%</i>	<i>30%</i>	<i>31%</i>	<i>30%</i>
Hispanic	2,440	2,673	405	3,078	255	38	293
<i>% Hispanic</i>	<i>23%</i>	<i>10%</i>	<i>8%</i>	<i>9%</i>	<i>12%</i>	<i>5%</i>	<i>10%</i>
Native American	989	1,493	267	1,760	53	15	68
<i>% Native American</i>	<i>9%</i>	<i>5%</i>	<i>5%</i>	<i>5%</i>	<i>3%</i>	<i>2%</i>	<i>2%</i>
Asian American	518	765	387	1,152	63	64	127
<i>% Asian American</i>	<i>5%</i>	<i>3%</i>	<i>8%</i>	<i>3%</i>	<i>3%</i>	<i>9%</i>	<i>5%</i>
Multiple Races	827	3,013	364	3,377	178	36	214
<i>% Multiple Races</i>	<i>8%</i>	<i>11%</i>	<i>7%</i>	<i>10%</i>	<i>9%</i>	<i>5%</i>	<i>8%</i>
Somali Immigrant	121	484	248	732	41	55	96
<i>% Somali Immigrant</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>2%</i>	<i>5%</i>	<i>2%</i>	<i>2%</i>	<i>7%</i>	<i>3%</i>
Other African Immigrant	43	212	96	308	38	19	57
<i>% Other African Immigrant</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>2%</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>2%</i>	<i>3%</i>	<i>2%</i>
Hmong Immigrant	10	5	2	7	-	-	-

⁹ The race and ethnicity information is categorized in the following hierarchy aligned with department standards. Participants asked their racial choice (yes or no) of each of five racial categories (American Indian, Asian, Black, Pacific Islander and white), and ethnicity (Hispanic or non-Hispanic). All persons endorsing Hispanic ethnicity are reported as Hispanic. All other racial categories are non-Hispanic. Pacific Islanders and Asian groups are combined due to very small numbers of Pacific Islanders. Only non-citizens can be assigned to immigrant groups, using their reported country of origin, race and primary language.

	Child-only MFIP cases	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult	One-adult DWP cases	Two-adult DWP cases	Total DWP cases
<i>% Hmong Immigrant</i>	0%	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-
Other Asian Immigrant	47	136	145	281	8	14	22
<i>% Other Asian Immigrant</i>	0%	0%	3%	1%	0%	2%	1%
Unknown	227	1,281	217	1,498	91	32	123
<i>% Unknown</i>	2%	5%	4%	5%	4%	4%	4%

Table 14: Mean assistance amount of MFIP or DWP cases, December 2021 ¹⁰

	Child-only MFIP cases	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult	One-adult DWP cases	Two-adult DWP cases	Total DWP cases
Cash	\$404	\$447	\$450	\$447	\$396	\$540	\$423
MFIP food	\$416	\$558	\$814	\$587	\$0	\$0	\$0
SNAP	\$168	\$101	\$116	\$103	\$642	\$939	\$698

¹⁰ MFIP typically include a cash portion and a food portion that can only be spent on food. These amounts are reported separately here. DWP provides only a cash grant, but these families are categorically eligible and receive stand-alone SNAP. Some households received a SNAP grant early in the reporting month and later in the month become eligible for MFIP. These households receive (all or most of) their food portion through SNAP and the cash grant through MFIP. For this reason, some MFIP cases are indicated here as receiving a SNAP grant. As families work their way toward leaving assistance, their cash portion is decreased first, so some families participating in MFIP only receive a food portion. Many MFIP enrolled households receive a \$110 housing assistance grant (HAG). The full amount of the (HAG), \$110, is issued to a household if they are eligible for MFIP and meet certain criteria; it does not decrease as income from other sources increases. In addition, a family can opt out of the cash portion and the HAG, receiving only the food portion; those months do not count toward their lifetime limit. The MFIP cash amounts reported here include this HAG when applicable. The mean assistance amounts reported here are calculated using all MFIP cases, including those MFIP cases receiving zero cash and/or food portions.

Table 15: Work hours and income of MFIP or DWP cases, December 2021 ¹¹

	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult	One-adult DWP cases	Two-adult DWP cases	Total DWP cases
Cases	3,888	968	4,856	378	140	518
% Cases	26%	50%	29%	33%	53%	37%
Mean work hours	81.1	121.1	89.1	96.8	138.1	108.0
Median work hours	76	120	81	92	140	101
Mean earnings	\$1,214	\$1,863	\$1,343	\$1,565	\$2,263	\$1,753
Median earnings	\$1,088	\$1,740	\$1,177	\$1,320	\$1,953	\$1,453

¹¹ Total income is either the actual or projected income of eligible adults used in the budget for a case for the report month. The income used in a month will be different depending on whether past actual or projected income methods were used to determine eligibility for a case. Amounts used were verified. Total income is gross income except for those who are self-employed, where it is gross less expenses, with a minimum of zero. Mean and median total income excludes cases with no verified or expected income from eligible adults. Work hours reported for enrolled adults with earned income are defined in the same manner as earned income. The hours are totals for a case. The percentages of all cases with hours reported are slightly smaller than the percentages reported working because of hours not entered into the administrative database. Mean and median hours excludes cases with no income from work.

Table 16: Counted MFIP months by MFIP or DWP case type, December 2021 ¹²

	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult	One-adult DWP cases	Two-adult DWP cases	Total DWP cases
Mean	32.4	25.5	31.6	14.6	11.0	13.9
Median	30	21	29	8	4	7
0 counted months	299	6	305	435	117	552
<i>% 0 counted months</i>	<i>2%</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>2%</i>	<i>38%</i>	<i>44%</i>	<i>39%</i>
1 - 12 months	3,135	574	3,709	241	58	299
<i>% 1 - 12 months</i>	<i>21%</i>	<i>30%</i>	<i>22%</i>	<i>21%</i>	<i>22%</i>	<i>21%</i>
13 - 36 months	5,174	818	5,992	290	65	355
<i>% 13 - 36 months</i>	<i>35%</i>	<i>43%</i>	<i>35%</i>	<i>25%</i>	<i>25%</i>	<i>25%</i>
37 - 48 months	1,700	206	1,906	108	14	122
<i>% 37 - 48 months</i>	<i>11%</i>	<i>11%</i>	<i>11%</i>	<i>9%</i>	<i>5%</i>	<i>9%</i>
49 - 54 months	737	75	812	37	8	45
<i>% 49 - 54 months</i>	<i>5%</i>	<i>4%</i>	<i>5%</i>	<i>3%</i>	<i>3%</i>	<i>3%</i>
55 - 60 months	3,925	244	4,169	30	2	32
<i>% 55 - 60 months</i>	<i>26%</i>	<i>13%</i>	<i>25%</i>	<i>3%</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>2%</i>

¹² Beginning in September 1996 nationally and July 1997 in Minnesota, months in which adults receive the MFIP cash portion or the HAG are counted towards the five-year limit, also known as the 60-month time limit. This includes both state-funded and federally-funded MFIP as well as federally paid TANF months in other states but excludes months with an exemption or exception from the time limit. DWP months do not count but DWP cases may have previous MFIP counted months.

Table 17: MFIP and DWP Cases Receiving Child Care Assistance, December 2021 ¹³

	Child-only MFIP cases	One- adult MFIP cases	Two- adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult	One- adult DWP cases	Two- adult DWP cases	Total DWP cases
Cases with children less than age 6	1,667	9,182	1,521	10,703	565	207	772
< age 6 cases with CCAP	81	1,861	166	2,027	134	13	147
% < age 6 cases with CCAP	5%	20%	11%	19%	24%	6%	19%
Cases with children less than age 13	4,050	12,684	1,795	14,479	909	247	1,156
Age 0-12 cases with CCAP	95	2,010	173	2,183	156	13	169
% Age 0-12 cases with CCAP	2%	16%	10%	15%	17%	5%	15%
Cases with children age 13-15	2,137	2,779	389	3,168	265	56	321
Age 13-15 cases with CCAP	17	200	51	251	17	1	18
% Age 13-15 cases with CCAP	1%	7%	13%	8%	6%	2%	6%

¹³ MFIP and DWP cases are reported as receiving child care assistance when a child care assistance program (CCAP) payment was made for at least one child enrolled on the MFIP or DWP case for the report month based on data available in the Minnesota Electronic Child Care (MEC2) system. MFIP and DWP cases are categorized by the age of the youngest child on the case; counts of cases with children under 6 and those under 12 are not mutually exclusive. Children enrolled in MFIP or DWP and up to age 12 or aged 13-15 with identified special needs are eligible to receive a CCAP subsidy through the MFIP Child Care Assistance Program or through the Basic Sliding Fee child care assistance program in the case of MFIP child only cases.

Table 18: MFIP cases with time limit exemption counts by exemption reason, December 2021

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	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult
Cases	836	51	887
% of MFIP cases	6%	3%	5%
Age 18-19, attending high school	188	24	212
<i>% Age 18-19, attending high school</i>	22%	47%	24%
Caregiver on Indian reservation	11	0	11
<i>% Caregiver on Indian reservation</i>	1%	0%	1%
Caregiver over 60	53	15	68
<i>% Caregiver over 60</i>	6%	29%	8%
Family violence waiver	510	9	519
<i>% Family violence waiver</i>	61%	18%	59%
Minor caregiver	74	3	77
<i>% Minor caregiver</i>	9%	6%	9%

¹⁴ Cases are exempt from the time limit (neither counted nor banked) in months with the following conditions: living on a reservation with a not-employed rate of at least 50%, family violence cases cooperating with an alternative employment plan, caregivers age 60 or older, a minor parent, or an 18- or 19-year-old parent complying with an education plan.

Table 19: MFIP cases time limit extensions counts by extension reason, December 2021 ¹⁵

	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult
Cases	3,279	179	3,374
Extension months mean	50	42	50
Extension months median	36	32	36
Extension months maximum	234	199	234
Appeal only	4	0	4
<i>% Appeal only</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>0%</i>
Care of ill or incapacitated	326	24	350
<i>% Care of ill or incapacitated</i>	<i>10%</i>	<i>13%</i>	<i>10%</i>
Care of special medical criteria	299	17	316
<i>% Care of special medical criteria</i>	<i>9%</i>	<i>9%</i>	<i>9%</i>
Developmental disability	1	0	1
<i>% Developmental disability</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>0%</i>
Employment required hours	174	12	186
<i>% Employment required hours</i>	<i>5%</i>	<i>7%</i>	<i>6%</i>
Family violence waiver	221	7	228
<i>% Family violence waiver</i>	<i>7%</i>	<i>4%</i>	<i>7%</i>
IQ between 70 and 80	21	1	22
<i>% IQ between 70 and 80</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>1%</i>
Ill or incapacitated	879	42	921

¹⁵ MFIP cases can be extended beyond the 60-month lifetime limit for certain documented criteria that affect an adult's ability to obtain or retain employment, or if an adult is working but does not earn enough to leave assistance. Extensions may be granted for cases that have an ill or incapacitated adult, family member or caregiver who meets special medical criteria, caregiver with an developmental disability or an IQ score between 70 and 80, caregiver who is needed in the home to care for an ill or incapacitated family member, a single parent working an average of at least 30 hours, or two parents working a total of 55 hours a month, and other less common reasons. Cases sanctioned for non-compliance with Employment Services or child support requirements in month 60 can never be extended.

	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult
<i>% Ill or incapacitated</i>	27%	23%	27%
Learning disability	5	1	6
<i>% Learning disability</i>	0%	1%	0%
Mental illness	850	39	889
<i>% Mental illness</i>	26%	22%	26%
Unemployable	394	19	413
<i>% Unemployable</i>	12%	11%	12%

Table 20: MFIP Family Stabilization Services counts and reasons, December 2021 ¹⁶

	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult
Cases	6,329	765	7,094
<i>% of MFIP cases</i>	42%	40%	42%
Age 60 or older	36	15	51
<i>% Age 60 or older</i>	1%	2%	1%
Care of ill or incapacitated	464	51	515
<i>% Care of ill or incapacitated</i>	7%	7%	7%
Developmental disability	2	1	3
<i>% Developmental disability</i>	0%	0%	0%
Family violence waiver	625	13	638
<i>% Family violence waiver</i>	10%	2%	9%
IQ < 80	26	3	29
<i>% IQ < 80</i>	0%	0%	0%
Ill or incapacitated	1,412	194	1,606
<i>% Ill or incapacitated</i>	22%	25%	23%
Learning disability	7	3	10
<i>% Learning disability</i>	0%	0%	0%
Mental illness	1,032	73	1,105
<i>% Mental illness</i>	16%	10%	16%

¹⁶ FSS is a state funded MFIP service track that enrolled its first participants in February 2008. The purpose is to provide county and Tribal Nation agency staff more flexibility in development of employment plans by removing FSS cases from the federal Work Participation Rate calculation. FSS eligibility is limited to caregivers who meet one of the following criteria: illness or injury lasting more than 30 days that prevents them from obtaining employment, requirement to remain in the home to care for a household member with an illness or injury lasting more than 30 days, legal non-citizen in the U.S. for fewer than 12 months, developmental disability or mental illness that prevents person from obtaining employment, unemployable, learning disability that prevents person from obtaining employment, IQ less than 80 that prevents person from obtaining employment, family violence waiver, or pending application for SSI or RSDI. Two-caregiver cases are FSS eligible if one caregiver meets FSS criteria.

	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult
New immigrant	41	51	92
<i>% New immigrant</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>7%</i>	<i>1%</i>
Not exempt	3	0	3
<i>% Not exempt</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>0%</i>
SSI or RSDI application	780	113	893
<i>% SSI or RSDI application</i>	<i>12%</i>	<i>15%</i>	<i>13%</i>
Special medical criteria	539	42	581
<i>% Special medical criteria</i>	<i>9%</i>	<i>5%</i>	<i>8%</i>
Unemployable	1,362	206	1,568
<i>% Unemployable</i>	<i>22%</i>	<i>27%</i>	<i>22%</i>

Table 21: MFIP cases with countable sanctions, December 2021 ¹⁷

	Child-only MFIP cases	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult
10% countable sanctions	1	121	23	144
30% countable sanctions	20	294	57	351
All countable sanctions	21	415	80	495
% of MFIP cases with sanctions	0%	3%	4%	3%
Six counted sanction months	0	39	5	44
% MFIP cases with six counted sanction months	0%	0%	0%	0%

Table 22: MFIP recipients of subsidized housing, December 2021

	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult
Cases	4,130	368	4,498
% Cases	28%	19%	27%

¹⁷ Reported here are the number of cases with 10% and 30% sanctions, and the number of cases with six or more unresolved sanction months. MFIP cases not complying with Employment Services requirements can be sanctioned with reduction of grant amounts. The first sanction is 10%, and if not resolved, the sanction is increased the next month to 30%. Some sanctions can be addressed (cured) and removed. In July 2003, the Minnesota Legislature instituted a policy that after the sixth occurrence of non-compliance, a case may face closure, or 100% sanction. Presanction procedures for FSS-enrolled adults are different from those for other MFIP adults. Note that MFIP sanctions were inactive much of the year due to the COVID-19 state of emergency, and resumed September 1, 2021